

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
January 31, 2004

Members present; Brian K9LCQ, Tom AB9EK, Tom KF9PU, Joe N9UX, Jerry WA9CGE, Mark AB9CD and Pancho KA9OFA.

Brian K9LCQ called meeting to order at 11:45am. Location of the meeting was AES. Tom AB9EK read the minutes from the last Board meeting, which was held in November 2003. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe N9UX gave the treasurer's report for the months of December through January. He explained that the monies for the sale of the old repeater were transferred to the repeater fund. A motion was made by Tom AB9EK and seconded by Mark AB9CD to approve the reports as given. Motion passed. The 2004 club budget will be presented to the club membership in February.

Brian gave a report on the club's Christmas party. He stated that there were two tables filled by members and their guests. The event needs to be promoted more to get more members to attend.

Brian asked if we thought that the members would like a tour of the National Weather Office in Sullivan. The Board thought this would be a good activity and that it should be talked about at the next meeting and also put into the February newsletter.

Sherm KB9Q would like to have better certificates printed up this year for the winners of the FM contest. Last year they were on plain paper. Brian purchased certificate paper that has a border around it. This will be used to print the certificates this year. The cost of the paper was only \$4.00.

Brian stated that Jerry WA9CGE is in charge of all Field Day operations this year. Nels and his wife will be asked again to prepare the food for the event. This year's Field Day will be on June 26th and 27th at the Pioneer Village. Jerry stated that we would concentrate on the HF bands this year, no VHF or UHF. No one will be allowed on the air until they understand the logging procedure. The logs must include the band, the time in UTC, call sign of the other station and their report. The logs will be collected from time to time and put into a computer-logging program. Jerry stated that he has contacted WTKM and WGLB radio stations and they will provide a public service announcement on Field Day for us. He is also trying to get this information on WTMJ. Mark stated he had contacted the OCHS to make arrangements to use Pioneer Village. He is waiting for confirmation on this. We will need to provide them with a certificate of insurance from our insurance company. Tom AB9EK will contact the insurance company for this, and when received, will send to OCHS.

Jerry had brought to the club meeting a guitar amp with a speaker in it that was used with the club's wireless microphone. There were some feed back problems but Jerry was able to fix it. Brian stated that he had received from Patrick a set of speakers that are the club's and the original certificate of affiliation with the ARRL.

Brian stated that Thursday's meeting program by Jeff K9VS was put on the club's web page. It is in a power point format and is quite large to download if you have a slow dial up connection to the Internet.

This year's nominating committee consists of Sherm KB9Q, Jack W9ULA and Dave WB9BWP. All four Officers positions and two Directors are up for reelection. Tom KF9PU stated that he would not run for another term due to other commitments.

We don't have a topic for the February club meeting. After some discussion it was decided that we would have a round table discussing the proposed ARRL licensee restricting. Nels needs to be contacted to see if he would do a program on packet radio for March.

The Board had a discussion on purchasing a computer projector for the club. This would be used for the programs that are done at the club meeting. The club was using a projector that Patrick was providing, but since his resignation the programs have been done using transparencies and the overhead projector. Mark stated that a projector would cost around \$1500-\$2000 plus the cost of a replacement bulb of \$100-\$200. Mark thought the club could have a fundraiser such as the CD sales and or ask for donations. This will have to go before the members for approval. Mark will write up an article for the chatter on this since he has done some research on different projectors. A question that was raised was would club members be allowed to borrow this projector for their own use? This is something that would have to be looked into. You might be able to use it for the cost of the bulb?

Mark will send out a letter to Jack Krause and Roger Zaun letting them know that the Board has made them a life member. This will be announced at the February club meeting with a follow up in the March chatter.

Tom stated that Les AB9EY has been using the club post office box to receive some personal mail. He should not be doing this and will be asked to stop this and get the mailing address changed to his home address. The Board decided that Les would not be getting the post office key back.

Mark stated that he would like to send out a post card to those members who have not renewed their dues letting them know that they need to renew or will not be receiving any more newsletters. The Board agreed to let Mark do this.

The by-law changes that were made in November were reviewed and the remaining sections were gone through.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom and seconded by Joe. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

**Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
February 23, 2004**

Present; Brian K9LCQ, Mark AB9CD, Tom AB9EK, Jerry WA9CGE, Pancho KA9OFA, Dick W9JBE, Joe N9UX ND Tom KF9PU.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Brian K9LCQ the club's vice president.

Tom AB9EK, read the minutes from the January Board meeting. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Mark to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe N9UX gave the treasurer's report for the month of February. Tom AB9EK asked if the club's phone bill has been paid since there hasn't been a bill received via the mail. Mark explained that it is automatically withdrawn from the club's checking account and a copy of the bill is sent to his house. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Tom to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

Discussion on the list of responsibilities was postponed until next meeting since Brian forgot his copy of them.

A discussion occurred on the food budget for the 2004 Field Day. Last year, Nels and his wife went from store to store and bought the need items that were on sale to stay within the budget of \$250.00 for last year. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD to raise the food budget from \$250.00 to \$300.00. Pancho seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe N9UX will run Thursday's meeting and Jerry WA9CGE will take the minutes. Brian K9LCQ and Tom AB9EK will not be able to attend.

The topic for the Thursday's meeting will be a roundtable discussion on the new ARRL license proposal. Dick will lead the discussion.

The by-laws have been reviewed and the changes that were made by the Board have been updated. Mark had sent a revised copy to the Board and he will provide a copy to Howard so they can be posted on the club's web page. Joe will have a few copies at the meeting so the members can review them.

Brian had sent the Board a letter he had written that he wants to publish in the club's newsletter. Brian was looking for feedback. The Board stated it should be published just as it was written. The letter deals with how to get more articles for the newsletter, mainly from club members who need to participate more.

Brian had replaced the light switch in the overhead projector. A new faceplate needs to be made for it. Tom AB9EK hadn't had time to make one so Jerry WA9CGE stated he would make it. Mark had some information on a computer projector. Mark will have an article for the March newsletter.

Brian stated he had stopped the club's e-mail forwarding service for now. Too much spam has been getting through and being sent to the Board members.

Tom KF9PU explained the NCVET position on the ARRL proposal. He also explained that the VEC's would like to drop the code and a new entry license. He sent out e-mail to all the VEC's on these issues so they could vote on whether to send in a proposal as a group or as individual amateurs.

In other business, the club has a bill from Sue Wille for projector lamps for the church. We are not sure if Jim WB9LNU made this purchase on behalf of the club. Mark will call Jim and find out so that if the club owes this money, it gets paid.

Tom AB9EK stated that the club is signed up for Superfest at AES on April 2nd and 3rd.

Tom has requested two tables for the club. Dave DeFebo will have an updated club CD that can be run on a computer during the show. Tom stated he would bring a laptop and monitor.

Mark Bye's sister is planning a surprise birthday party for him and has been contacting club members. No firm date as of yet.

A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Dick to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
March 22, 2004

Members Present; Brian K9LCQ, Tom AB9EK, Mark AB9CD, Dick W9JBE, Jerry WA9CGE, Joe N9UX and Pancho KA9OFA.

Meeting called to order by Brian, K9LCQ the club's vice president, at 6:25pm.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the February Board meeting. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD, and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA, to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX gave the financial report for the month of March. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD, and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA, to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Brian asked Mark if he had contacted Jim WB9LNU about the bill the club has received for projector bulbs for the church. Mark tried to contact Jim at the meeting. This issue is still not resolved.

Mark stated he needs an updated roster so that he can mail out renewal notices to those members who have not paid their 2004 dues. Those who have not paid will no longer receive the Chatter.

AES superfest is April 2nd and 3rd. The club will have a table there. Dave WB9BWP has an updated club history CD that will be played at the fest. Tom AB9EK stated he would bring a laptop and monitor.

Brian stated he had printed up twelve certificates for the winners of the FM contest. The certificates will be given to the winners at AES superfest. Those who don't show up at AES will have their certificates mailed to them.

We don't have a program for this Thursday's meeting. Mark stated he could do a short program on op amps. The program then for March will be op amps, April on wire antennas, May the club auction, and June Field Day.

Brian asked if the update club by-laws were discussed at the February's meeting. Joe stated they were brought up, but there was no discussion. Brian stated that he would bring them up again at Thursday's meeting so that they can be voted on by the membership in April.

No one has heard from our club president, Kevin KC9BZU. He should be back in town around April 5th.

Mark stated that a possible extra class will be held this fall. Also the repeater has had some noise on it from time to time but not sure where it's coming from. Mark stated that he had heard second hand, that the repeater has problems. He is not sure where this is coming from but will straighten everyone out on the repeater at Thursday's meeting.

A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
April 26, 2004

Present; Brian K9LCQ, Tom KF9PU, Mark AB9EK, Dick W9JBE, Pancho KA9OFA, Joe N9UX and Tom AB9EK.

Meeting called to order by Brian K9LCQ at 7:00pm. Kevin, the club's president is still out of the country.

Tom AB9EK read the minutes from the March Board meeting. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe N9UX gave the treasurer report. A motion was made by Mark AB9CD and seconded by Pancho to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

AES SuperFest has come and gone. Dave WB9BWP manned the table with Jerry WA9CGE most of the time. The club's table had a lot of traffic come by and the board that was provided by Tom AB9EK work great for displaying the results of the FM contest and the ARRL certificate. Tom also provided a computer that played the club history presentation that was provided by Dave WB9BWP.

May is election time for the club. All officer positions are open along with two director's positions. Dave has two possible names that would consider running for director. Tom AB9EK stated that he would run for secretary and Mark AB9CD stated he would possibly run for treasurer. We still need someone for president and vice president.

The bill for the projector lamps for the church is still unresolved. Until the bill gets clarified, it will remain unpaid.

Mark stated that he would mail out renewal notices in about three weeks to those who have not paid their dues yet.

Tom AB9EK stated that an e-mail from Dave WB9BWP had stated that years ago the club didn't meet in July and August. We had a discussion on this and it was decided that we would bring it up to the membership. It was also stated that if members can't help out with ideas for presentations at the meetings or are willing to do one, then there may be just a business meeting and no programs. The Board has been asking for help on this for some time but haven't had any takers.

The Cedarburg Swapfest is May 2nd. Does the club want a table there? We will ask the membership and if someone wants to man a table, the club will pay for it.

Brian had received an e-mail containing information on the 1928 convention that MRAC sponsored. Do we want to purchase this for the club's history files? The Board stated that Brian should contact the person who sent the e-mail to find out if they wish to donate it to the club or sell the items. The Board authorized to spend up to \$15.00 for the items.

Brian stated that he thought the club should have net controllers for our two Friday night nets. Brian thought that a Board member could do a net every other month. If we schedule a net, we should have someone there to pick it up. Anyone could be a net control operator. It doesn't need to be a Board member. This will be brought up at the membership meeting.

Thursday's program will be on wire antennas by Don, ARRL section manager. Mark stated he would take Don out to dinner since he is coming from Madison.

Other Business;

Mark asked Tom KF9PU about his phone expense for last month. Tom stated that is for NEVEV business and should be paid from the VEC account. Mark stated that the club might want to look into the purchase of a new repeater controller. The one we have now is quite old and is limited to what can be done with it by phone. At the present time, we don't have a key to get into the repeater site. We have to go through MATC. Maybe we should look at a 220 link for the machine.

Tom AB9EK asked if we should get rid of the club's phone since it doesn't get many calls. After discussion the phone will stay. Tom stated that the club should look into a newer answering machine or at least put in a new tape. Tom stated that the tape doesn't seem to erase completely since you get bits and pieces of old messages. Mark will replace the tape the next time he's at the repeater site.

Mark stated that Jim Tromblay wants to get the club's field day equipment out of his home. Mark will contact Fred Lynn to see if we can store the equipment at Pioneer Village.

Brian stated that the club has a scanner, printer and generator that is no longer used and would like to sell it at the May auction. The membership will be asked for their ok on this.

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
May 24, 2004

Members present; Tom AB9EK, Mark AB9CD, Brian K9LCQ, Dick W9JBE, Pancho KA9OFA, Kevin KC9BZU, Jerry WA9CGE, Joe N9UX, and Tom KF9PU.

Meeting called to order by Brian at 6:50pm. Our club president, Kevin, was back but did not want to run the meeting.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the April Board meeting. A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX, gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Pancho to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

The election of club officers and two directors is Thursday night. Those running for office are Mark AB9CD for treasurer, Tom AB9EK for secretary, Howard Parks AB9Fh for vice president and there is no one for president. For directors, we have DJ KC9AYO, Joe Sturmberg KA9DZF, Hal Newton KB9OZN and Dave Griffin KB9PRF.

The bill for the projector lamps that were purchased for the church is still on hold until we hear from Sue Willie. Mark will send her a registered letter.

Field Day is quickly coming. We need a list of field day equipment that the club owns from Jim WB9LNU. Mark stated that Jim would not be taking the equipment home from field day this year. He wants it out of his house, he had stated that last year.

This is an ongoing problem trying to find storage for the equipment. Fred Lynn needs to know how much space we will need at the depot at Pioneer Village so that the equipment can be stored there. Mark stated that the O.C.H.S. has a new president. Mark has also contacted the caretakers at Pioneer Village. They are happy to have us returning again. Mark will contact them about one week before the field day event to let them know we still plan on using the grounds.

Tom, AB9EK, stated that he has not received the certificate of insurance that O.C.H.S. has requested. As soon as it is received, he will send it to them.

Mark will be sending out post cards to those members who have not renewed their dues for 2004. Mark will also be doing research on video projectors for the club. He will have an article in the June chatter on the subject. It was suggested that he look at the Dell 2200.

Mark had requested that the phone numbers of the club officers not be published in the chatter or be placed on the web site. He stated that personal information is too easy to get from the Internet, and the less that is readily available the better. Pancho will remove the phone numbers from the chatter and Howard will be contacted to remove them from the web page.

Brian stated that all the Board members are back on the W9RH e-mail reflector now that the spam is under control. He also stated that he had no reply from the individual that had the 1928 convention program that the club might have an interest in.

We still need net controls to run our 10-meter and 2-meter nets on Friday night. Mark stated he would write an article for the chatter on the subject. Jerry stated that we should move the nets to a different day, such as Thursday night at 8:30pm. No action taken on the matter.

The program for Thursday's meeting is the club's auction.

Kevin thanked Brian for filling in for him while he was gone. Great job Brian.

In other business:

The club had won a \$100.00 check from Icom at superfest, for having the most club members attain their presentation. Jerry will pick this up at AES and it will be used for the purchase of food for Field Day.

The club had received an e-mail from an individual that makes wooden signs with your call sign on it. He had asked to have a link put on our web page to his. His request was turned down and Mark stated he would notify him of our discussion.

Tom, AB9EK, stated that the club had received two tickets for admission to the Lake County ARC ham fest on June 20th in Illinois. If anyone is interested, they can have the tickets.

Joe stated that he needs Kevin and Mark to sign the bank's resolution papers since the bank can not find any on file. Also after the elections, the officers will have to sign the account cards for the bank's records.

Tom, KF9PU stated that the NCVEC conference is on July 23rd, which he will be attending.

Tom, AB9EK stated that Les AB9EY now has his own post office box and is in the process of changing his address. We should no longer be getting his mail at the club's post office box.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom AB9EK and seconded by Brian. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
June 21, 2004

Present; Dick W9JBE, Joe N9UX, Tom AB9EK, Joe KA9DZF, Howard AB9FH, Brian K9LCQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Hal KB9OZN and Jerry WA9CGE.

Guest; Patrick W9UQ.

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the May meeting. Jerry WA9CGE made a correction to minutes. The money the club had won at AES superfest was actually won by the MRC, not us. A motion was made by Joe N9UX and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Joe, N9UX, gave the treasurer's report for June. A motion was made by Tom AB9EK and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to approve the report as given. Motion passed. Joe stated that the club made \$196.00 at the auction in May. Ted Stiller sold the most items.

Brian stated that the new Board should create a list of responsibilities for the next two years. Joe KA9DZF stated that he could get some speakers on unrelated amateur topics for club meetings. Mark stated he would like to have someone talk about fox hunting and Dfing. Howard stated he would talk about fox hunting at the July meeting. This will be taken up at the next Board meeting.

Joe, KA9DZF, stated that he would like to see a standard item on the club meeting agenda called "buzz talk." Buzz talk would allow any one to talk about the amateur radio bands, what activity there has been lately. It was suggested that if there is a band opening any time during the day that it should be reported on the repeater so others could join in on the activity. Joe will run "buzz talk" at the meetings.

Joe, KA9DZF stated that the Menomonee Falls Library has a nice meeting room that can be used for our Board meeting. The library is located at Appleton Ave and Pilgrim Road. Joe will contact the library and set up some dates for use.

Brian stated the account that he had set up to forward the club's e-mail to Board members will be closed in 8 months. The club will have to find another service by then.

All members will be asked at the club meeting to bring along to Field Day any club equipment they have in their possession so any inventory can be made. Mark stated that he has some labels from Jim WB9LNU that can be placed on the equipment. This will be done at Field Day.

Brian asked about a donation to the Ozaukee Historical Society for the use of Pioneer Village during Field Day. The budget has an amount of \$100.00. In the past, Jerry WA9CGE has been donating items to them. It was stated that a thank you letter should be sent along with our donation.

Brian asked if the club should make a donation to the Amateur Radio Newslite.

This is not the same as the ARRL Newslite. A motion was made by Joe N9UX and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA that we do not send them any money. Motion passed, no money will be sent.

Again Mark, AB9CD, brought up the fact that Jim WB9LNU would not be taking home any of the club's Field Day equipment. Mark stated that we need to find storage space. We have not heard from Fred Lynn if we will be allowed to store the equipment at Pioneer Village. Mark thought we would only need a 3x5 foot space and could bring the old rack from the repeater site to store some of the things. We might have to purchase some plastic containers for some things.

Mark has an article in the Chatter on a video projector. The new Board will take this up.

Mark stated he would write an article for next month's Chatter on net control operators for the two nets we have on Fridays.

Brian asked if the club wants a Christmas party and if so, we need a chairman. Will discuss at the club meeting.

The program for Thursday's meeting is on Field Day. Mark stated that there is no smoking in or around any of the buildings and no camping on Friday. We will have full access to the food barn for Saturday and Sunday.

Other Business: Tom stated that he had received a letter from Chester Rainek, N9AAI, requesting that he be made a lifetime member. A motion was made by Joe N9UX and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA to make Chester a life time member upon verification that he has been a member for 25 years. Motion passed. Mark will send a registered letter to Sue Wille about the projector bulbs. Joe N9UX has bank papers that need to be signed by the new Board members.

Patrick W9UQ has offered to serve as President of the club for the next two years.

Patrick explained that his health is fine but his work would take him away from performing his president duties from time to time. That would leave Howard in charge. Patrick and Howard had discussed this already. After stating this, Patrick left and the Board discussed his offer. The discussion was to allow the club membership to vote on this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pancho and seconded by Hal. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
July 14, 2004

Location: Menomonee Falls library

Present: Tom AB9EK, Patrick W9UQ, Pancho KA9OFA, Jerry WA9CGE, Howard AB9FH, Joe KA9DFZ, Hal KB9OZN and Dick W9JBE.

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Patrick W9UQ, the club president. Patrick stated that since the resignation of Mark AB9CD as the club's treasurer, Tom AB9EK will do the treasurer's job for now. We need to find a replacement as soon as possible. Will ask the membership for a volunteer. Does the club have any CPA's that could do the job?

Education: Patrick stated that he had received from Mark the names of those who are interested in classes. There are 8 tech, 1 general and 7 extras. Patrick stated that the Madison club holds technician classes on two consecutive days, Saturday and Sunday, with a test session at 3:00pm on Sunday. He stated that they have a 95% success rate. There was discussion on this subject. Is it possible for our club to do something like this? Patrick and Joe will contact the Menomonee Falls library to see if we could hold classes and a test session there. We would most likely have to do it on two weekends due to the fact the library is not open on Sunday. Tom suggested that we also contact the Menomonee Falls club and the West Allis Amateur Radio Club to see if they would be interested in participating with us. Dick will bring this up with the West Allis club and Pancho will talk with the president of the Menomonee Falls club at breakfast on Saturday. In order to do this, we would probably need 6 or 7 instructors and the candidates would have to read the instruction manual before hand. The club could purchase the manuals from the ARRL at a discount and then loan out the books. Some possible instructors are Patrick, Howard, Tom and maybe Jim White. It was suggested that we advertise for a tech class in mid August to September and then hold the class around the end of September. Jerry stated that he had been talking to the Milwaukee school board superintendent to see if he could get some type of amateur radio class started in one of the schools. No luck because there is no money and the liability insurance would be too high. Dan KB9YDI is still doing code on the air on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Club Property: Mark AB9CD has the club's field day equipment at his house and wants it out of there ASAP. The equipment he has is; 4 Field Day signs 4'x2'x2" thick; 3 large ropes; 1 cardboard box 24"x16"x16" high with wire antennas, books, other misc. equipment; 1 cardboard box 12"x12"x12" high with rotor; 1 wooden box 16"x12"x10" high with additional sign parts, coax, misc; 1 bag 36" long x12" dia with screen tent; 12 antenna elements, boom parts ect. lengths vary from 6 to 10ft; 1 vertical antenna mast 18" long; 1 vertical antenna choke 12"x12" dia; 1 vertical antenna counterpoise 24" dia x1" thick and 1 bag 36" long x12" dia screen tent poles. Pancho stated that he would contact his son-in-law to see if the items could be store at his location. Poncho will also contact Mark on this. A question was asked if we could store our equipment at Pioneer Village, just how long would we be allowed to use it? Jerry stated that they are having some money problems and that he had donated items to them in the name of the MRAC. Pancho will talk to Mark to see if he will continue to contact O.C.H.S. to see if we can store the items there. A motion was made by Tom AB9EK and seconded by Pancho to give a \$100.00 donation to the O.C.H.S. Motion passed.

Meeting Place: The location of the Menomonee Falls library for Board meetings is ok. No Board members have any objections.

Programs: Howard will do a program on fox hunting for July. August will be a round table discussion to see what the membership of the club wants from the Board and tell them what we want from them. For September and October, Dick will do a program on grounding and lighting protection. Joe stated that he could get someone to talk on the state's lemon law and can also get someone from the astronomical society.

Field Day 2005: Patrick asked Jerry WA9CGE if he would chair field day next year. Jerry said no, and also stated that when his term is up as a director ,he would not run again. We need to look for a field day chairman. Patrick would like to start to promote the event now.

501(3)C Corporation: There was discussion on whether the club should become a nonprofit organization. Donations would be taxed detectable and purchases also would not be taxed. Someone would need to research this and fill out the paper work on a yearly basis. Pancho stated that years ago Jim Trombly had looked into this.

Other Business: Jerry stated that he thinks the Chatter should have a new format, get rid of all the artwork we don't need and get the chatter down to 4 pages. This would save on printing and postage. No action taken. Howard stated that he would work on getting the survey form that Patrick had emailed the Board into this month's Chatter. He will also put it on the web page. Howard will follow up with Mark AB9CD on the video projector and will have the information for the August meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pancho and seconded by Dick. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
August 23, 2004

Present: Hal KB9OZN, Dick W9JBE, Patrick W9UQ, Joe KA9DZF, Tom AB9EK, Jerry WA9CGE and Pancho KA9OFA.

Guest: Brian K9LCQ and Mark AB9CD.

Patrick, W9UQ called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the July meeting. A correction was noted that the cost of mailing the newsletter would stay the same no matter if there are fewer pages.

Tom also gave the treasurer's report for August. A motion was made to accept the minutes and treasurer report by Pancho and seconded by Dick. Motion passed. Mark stated that we should look into moving the club's CD to a different bank, one that pays more interest. There was some discussion but no action taken.

Patrick asked if we should have committees and how do we get the membership involved. Also, should we have net controls and topics for the nets? This will be discussed at the club meeting.

Mark stated that the club can store the field day equipment at Pioneer Village. He purchased two shelving units and one cabinet that can be locked. The field day equipment is now located at Pioneer Village. Mark stated the bottom shelves can not be used due to a water problem at the Village. The equipment needs to be inventoried and tagged. Flammables are not allowed at any time at the Village. A list of contacts need to be given to the caretakers, two or three who would be allowed to have access to the equipment. A motion was made by Pancho, and seconded by Dick, to pay Mark Tellier, AB9CD, for the purchase of the storage units. Motion passed.

Jerry stated that the ARRL and the FCC proposed that 60 meters would be used for emergency communications instead of 75 and 80 meters.

Patrick stated that we still need a replacement treasurer. Mark stated that he might have a person for the job, but he does not have much computer experience.

We had a discussion on the club's newsletter. Should it be reduced in size? If it goes to four pages, printing cost would go from \$59 to \$26. Mark stated that he had heard comments from members that the newsletter has too many graphics and repeats too many items from month to month that should not be there. Brian suggested that we have a blind survey at the meeting asking the members what they think of the newsletter. Patrick will have a survey ready at the membership meeting.

Mark stated that the repeater had recycled itself on Sunday the 22nd. He did not know if Dave Karr did it or if we lost power and it recycled itself. Mark stated he would contact Dave to find out.

New Business-Education: Patrick stated that a club in Illinois, the ARRL folks, and AES would be interested in participating in our class for tech. Mark stated that the MRAC VEC would not participate in testing for this class if testing would be on the same day as the class. They don't want to be involved in case there is a problem down the line. Patrick stated that the Madison VEC would do the testing then. No instructor can participate in giving a test and no one giving a test can participate in teaching. Patrick stated that the club in Illinois is teaching a tech class in one day using a power point presentation that they produced. The two day class that we are looking at doing would be for those who have failed before, who have knowledge of Amateur Radio, and those who have wanted to become a ham for some time and just need a little help. We would still have to teach a six to eight week class for new hams, general class, and extra class. Patrick stated he would contact Don, the Wisconsin section manager, to see if he would come and talk to us on how the Madison group does their class.

Patrick stated that he has contacted an accountant to see how the club goes about becoming a 501(c)(3) group.

A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Hal to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board Meeting
September 27, 2004

Present: Patrick W9UQ, Tom AB9EK, Pancho KA9OFA, Hal KB9OZN, Joe KA9DZF, Dick W9JBE, Howard AB9FH, and Jerry WA9CGE.

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm by Patrick.

Tom AB9EK read the minutes from the July Board meeting. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Howard to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Tom also gave the treasurer's report. Patrick noted a correction to Mark Telliers name. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Howard to approve the report with the correction to Mark's name. Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda is the establishment of committees.

1. Technical Committee: Mark Tellier AB9CD, Dave DeFebo WB9BWP and Jerry WA9CGE. Also need net control stations for Friday night nets
2. PR: Includes membership, club promotions and ARRL Liaison.
3. Education Administration: Contact those who want to take a class, set up class schedules, find locations and instructors.
4. Treasurer and or Secretary
5. Events Committee: Would include Field Day, Christmas party, JOTA, displays, refreshments and raffle.

Joe, KA9DZF, stated that he would be chairman of the PR committee. He also suggested that we have a flyer stating our meeting dates, time and location and post them in local schools. Joe stated he would design the flyer and contact the schools. Jerry stated that the West Allis, Brown Deer, Wauwatosa, and Waukesha libraries have some flyers that he provided. Tom stated that we should look into donating amateur radio books to the libraries. The ARRL has discount packages that the club could buy.

Howard stated that he would be the Education Administration chairman. Pancho stated he would be second chairman. Patrick stated that the club should look into purchasing text books that could be loaned to the prospective students for the class and returned upon completion of the class. If the student wishes to keep the book, it could be purchase it at our cost. The ARRL has discounts for clubs when purchasing study items.

Tom suggested that possible chairman for Field Day might be Brian K9LCQ, Mark AB9CD or Howard AB9FH. The Field Day equipment still needs to be inventoried. Jerry stated that he has a 10-20-40 meter (2) and 40-80 meter and 10-15-20 meter wire antennas the club could have for Field Day.

Patrick stated that we still need to make up a list of those members who will have access to the Field Day equipment at pioneer Village. It was suggested that Mark Tellier and the club officers should have access. Tom suggested that the club should look into insurance for our equipment now that it is stored at Pioneer Village. Patrick asked if Buzz Talk should be continued at the membership meeting. Buzz Talk is a good idea and should be continued.

Old Business: A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Dick to pay Mark Tellier for the purchase of a new answering machine for the repeater site, cost \$21.11. Motion passed. Patrick talked with his accountant about the club becoming 501(3) C. The accountant suggested we don't do this and we won't follow through with it.

New Business: Dick will ask Verne Teske W9RYA if he will be willing to contact the Machine Shed to set a date for the club Christmas party. Tom suggested that we find a new club trustee since Jim Trombely has moved up north. Some suggestions for trustee are Dave DeFebo and Mark Tellier. Patrick will ask Dave if he would become the new trustee. He will also check part 97 to see if we can have two trustees. The club's e-mail forwarding service is now handled through an account that Brian K9LCQ has. Brian had stated that he will be closing this account early next year. This means the club will have to find a new account. Howard stated he would check into this.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm was made by Pancho and seconded by Hal. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schulte, AB9EK
Club Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
Board of Directors meeting
November 15, 2004

The meeting was held at the Menominee Falls Public Library.

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| W9UQ | Patrick Moretti | President | absent |
| AB9FH | Howard Parks | Vice-president | Presiding |
| K9LCQ | Brian White | Secretary (acting) | present |
| AB9EK | Tom Schulte | Treasurer | present |
| KA9OFA | Pancho Doneis | Director | present |
| WA9CGE | Jerry Wahlen | Director | present |
| W9JBE | Dick Wood | Director | present |
| KA9DFZ | Joe Sturmberg | Director | present |
| KB9OZN | Hal Newton | Director | present |

The meeting was called to order by club vice-president Howard, AB9FH at 6:47PM.

Howard, AB9FH read the minutes from the last board meeting. After the reading of the minutes Howard asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made by Hal and seconded by Pancho. The motion was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Tom, AB9EK read the treasurers report. As the bank statement has not yet been received from the bank therefore the report was not complete. Tom instated that when the bank statement arrives we should expect to see interest income of three dollars and some odd cents. This reflects the issue of the board meeting occurring one week early due to the conflict with Thanksgiving. Tom expects the bank statement before the end of the week.

In Tom's reported he indicated that the club liability insurance had been paid for 2005. Club liability insurance is one of the major expenses incurred by the club. He has received the policy.

Tom will not be at the Thursday meeting. Anyone wanting to pay their dues should mail them to the club or hold them until January.

Dick, W9JBE stated that he may have a lead on some less expensive liability insurance. Discussion ensued as to the type and amount of coverage. Dick will look into the matter and report upon it at the next board meeting.

Discussion then continued about obtaining insurance coverage for the club equipment. The board decided that the ARRL insurance was an option but a little expensive for our club needs. No further action on club equipment insurance for the next board meeting.

Howard asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. A motion was made by Pancho and seconded by Hal. The motion was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Programs

1.) WWII Radio Dick talked about a World War II radio program that was on the

History channel but missed it. He then looked it up on the internet on HF pack. Contains video and pictures which he has downloaded. He found it interesting

2.) The January program will be on lightning protection. This talk will concern itself with grounding inside the shack. It will be presented by Dick, W9JBE.

3.) NWS Forecast office tour

Howard asked Brian on how the progress of setting up a tour of the National Weather Forecast office Sullivan was going. Brian replied no progress as he did not want to bother the forecast office until sufficient number of club members commit to attend.

A minimum of ten members is required. Four board members expressed an interest. Howard will survey the members at the upcoming membership meeting. Tours are possible as long as the Homeland security alert is yellow or lower.

Pancho mentioned the Patrick will not be at the meeting on Thursday.

4.) FM Simplex contest Pancho volunteered to handle the flyer distribution at the Thursday meeting and upcoming ham fests.

5.) Promotional flyer, Joe passed around the amateur radio promotional flyer first presented last month with suggested changes. The cost to reproduce the flyer in black and white would be about 7 cents while a color version about 80 cents. Discussion ensued on options available to bring the color reproduction cost down. There was no resolution.

Joe also described his effort to get different school districts to accept the flyers. Joe contacted 6 school districts Milwaukee, Waukesha, Wauwatosa, West Allis/West Milwaukee joint, Menomonee Falls and Brookfield. Waukesha denied access; Joe will pursue the matter further. Milwaukee is proving to be difficult. Wauwatosa has requested a flyer. Joe will continue to investigate other districts interest.

Joe will start the paper work required to reserve the Menominee Falls Public Library public meeting room for next year.

There was some discussion on radio equipment at Boy's tech. Jerry related his information that it disappeared perhaps scraped.

Discussion on technician classes followed, without resolution.

6.) Field Day Chairman no one has stepped forward to volunteer for the Field Day chairmanship position. The club will continue seek an individual or team to head up the field day chairmanship.

7.) Field Day Equipment discussion on what Field Day equipment the club processes and where it is located. General agreement was reached that a club inventory needs to be completed. Explanations were given as why the task was not completed at the last Field Day event. Some suggestions on what needs to be purchased, such as a ladder. There was further discussion on insurance without resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Howard as Webmaster suggested that the club look into a new Web hosting service. Howard estimates the annual cost at \$100.

Why:

Our current Web hosting service although very generous (free) it is often unavailable prompting complaints from users. As a club we do donate funds to the provider.

The email account we currently use expires in March. Brian donates an email address off his dial-up account. Since Brian has changed to a DSL provider. His dial-up account is being allowed to expire. This necessitates the club find another provider. One of the major advantages of this account is the ability to automatically forward any email received at w9rh@arri.net to the club officers.

Pluses:

We may get our own domain name.

The Website would be available more consistently.

We should get our own email address rather than using the ARRL redirector.

Editor's note: Currently any email sent to w9rh@arri.net is redirected by the server at ARRL to w9rh@wauknet.com. From there it is automatically filtered for SPAM than forwarded to the officers of the MRAC. Board members can be added at their request. There is limit of 128 characters for email addresses.

It was suggested that the \$100 fee was reasonable.

Minuses:

The club receives very little email (once the 'SPAM' is filtered) at w9rh@arri.net.

The actual number of 'hits' our Website receives is unknown.

After the discussion Howard asked for a motion to pursue an alternate Web hosting site. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Hal. The motion was accepted by a 7 to 1 voice vote. Howard will continue his investigation and report on the results at the next board meeting.

There was no further new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectively submitted,
Brian White, K9LCQ - acting secretary